

Skills for Rewilding

People and Community Engagement Traineeship

Trees for Life are recruiting a community engagement trainee, to be based at the Dundreggan Estate, near Loch Ness. Community engagement in the environmental heritage sector covers a wide range of activities including education projects linking people of all ages with nature, identifying how communities want to engage with their local environment, signposting ways people can contribute to environmental restoration all the way through to external communication using methods such as blogs, social media, film etc. Building relationships with the local communities, those further afield and partners is a key component in sustainable long term restoration of the Caledonian forest.

Traineeship experiences and learning

- Developing materials for educational projects
- Assisting with school groups learning about red squirrel reintroductions
- Linking with curriculum for excellence
- Assisting community woodlands
- Organising community events
- Participating in and leading guided walks and talks
- Creating communication content
- Consultation techniques
- Gathering feedback and evaluating
- Networking with potential partners
- Understanding audiences and tailoring delivery
- Working with partner organisations

- Four days a week learning alongside a mentor
- One day a week independent study towards a Scottish Countryside Rangers Award.
- Participate in a highly regarded, accredited, woodland activity leader training course over seven days.
- There will be opportunities to go on work placements with external organisations, to make links with potential future employers, and to increase knowledge about community engagement. In addition, there will be crossover with activities on the other traineeships. First aid and health and safety/risk assessment training will be provided.



Desirable attributes for this traineeship include being:

- Enthusiastic
- Passionate about the environment
- Interested in people
- Creative
- A good listener
- Measured and calm
- Having a desire to inspire
- Empathetic
- Organised
- Resilient
- Flexible
- Diplomatic
- A multi-tasker
- Self-aware
- Good communicator
- Friendly but not over-familiar
- Responsible
- Able to work as part of a team



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